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MOUs BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed any Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with China during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of the MoUs signed; and

(c) the benefits accrued to India as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) The list of MOUs signed between India and China since 2002 are enclosed at Annexure.

(c) In recent years, India-China relations have witnessed all-round progress. During the State visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to India from November 21 to 23, 2006, the two sides issued a Joint Declaration that spelt out a ten-pronged strategy to upgrade India-China relations to a qualitatively new level, and to further substantiate and reinforce their Strategic and Cooperative Partnership. Both sides believe that comprehensive economic and commercial engagement is a core component of their Strategic and Cooperative Partnership. The broadbasing of the relationship through enhanced cultural, scientific, educational, tourism and people-to-people contacts is being actively pursued. In this context, the two sides have signed a number of bilateral documents in a wide variety of spheres. These documents which are at various stages of implementation have helped to consolidate and diversify India-China bilateral relations.